

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6905–S6969

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1552–1555, and S. Res. 261–263. **Page S6960**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6968**

Tester (for Carper) Amendment No. 1998, to change the enactment date. **Page S6968**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 261, designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S6968**

Suicide Prevention Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness. **Pages S6968–69**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974, to perfect the joint resolution. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1975 (to Amendment No. 1974), to change the enactment date. **Page S6907**

Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1976, to change the enactment date. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1977 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1976), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1978 (to Amendment No. 1977), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6907**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Friday,

September 27, 2013, the time until 12:10 p.m. be equally divided between proponents and opponents of the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that the time from 12:10 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. be reserved for the two Leaders, with the final ten minutes under control of the Majority Leader; that at 12:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back; Reid Amendment No. 1975 (listed above) be withdrawn; that no other amendments be in order; that the Majority Leader be recognized to make a motion to waive applicable budget points of order; that if a motion to waive is agreed to, Senate vote, on or in relation to Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974 (listed above); that upon disposition of Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974, the joint resolution be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, as amended, if amended; and that all after the first vote in this sequence of votes be ten minute votes and there be two minutes equally divided between the votes. **Pages S6947–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013, under the previous order; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to the joint resolution be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013. **Page S6969**

House Messages:

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers. **Pages S6932–33**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, who was introduced by Senators Shaheen and Isakson, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, and Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROMOTING A 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part II, focusing on promoting a 21st century workforce, including health and pension benefits proposals involv-

ing trade-offs, and S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Jonathan Foley, Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management; Frank Todisco, Chief Actuary, Applied Research and Methods, and John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, both of the Government Accountability Office; Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, John F. Hegarty, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, Robert J. Rapoza, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, all of Washington, D.C.

NEWBORN SCREENING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine how newborn screening saves lives, focusing on the past, present, and future of the newborn screening system, after receiving testimony from Natasha F. Bonhomme, Baby's First Test, and Jennifer L. Howse, March of Dimes Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; R. Rodney Howell, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida; and Joye Mullis, Raleigh, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Zachary Thomas Fardon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Department of Justice.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, focusing on the NSA call records program, after receiving testimony from James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; General Keith Alexander, Director, National Security Agency; James Cole, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Ben Wittes, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Tim Edgar, Brown University Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, Rhode Island.